(c) the names of States where these colleges are functioning and since when they have been functioning?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) is the statutory body empowered to grant approval to technical colleges in the country.

(b) and (c) The minute details like name, location, year of approval, etc. are available in the AICTE publications. The information is also available on the AICTE website-www aicte org

Debate over Tagore's Copyright

711. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-report published in the Hindustan Times dated the 2nd July, 2001 under the caption "Debate over Tagore's copyright"; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto and what steps are being taken to prevent commercialization of Tagore's masterpieces by unscrupulous authors and publishers when the copyright expires by the end of the year?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Works of authors comes out of the purview of copyright protection after the period prescribed under the Copyright Act, 1957. There is no agency with the Government to prescribe standards for publication of reputed authors. The academia and the learned scholars are expected to take care of these standards.

Appraisal of Integrated Child Development Scheme

712. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in an appraisal of the Integrated Child Development Service Scheme between 1992—99, has lamented that the Scheme has done little in improving the health status of children;

(b) if so, the facts and figures which attracted such observations from the CAG and the drawbacks pointed out in implementation of the Scheme by the CAG; and

(c) the steps since taken to improve the conditions and implementation mechanism in the light of the CAG's recommendations and observations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) The Report is a performance appraisal of the impact of the scheme and the delivery services there under. It has commented on the objectives, implementation and impact processes, shortfalls in the targets, discrepancies in the nutrition distribution, receipt of medicine kits, diversion of funds, identification and coverage of beneficiaries, health input delivery training and monitoring among other things.

(c) Some of the major initiatives taken by the Department to increase the effectiveness and impact of the programme in the last two years include:

(i) The freeze on expansion imposed in May, 1997 has been lifted. Permission for operationalization of 5171 ICDS blocks upto Ninth Five Year Plan has been granted.

(ii) The monitoring mechanism has been replaced with consolidated State reports providing more focused information to facilitate feed back.

(iii) The financial norms under the Scheme have been revised upward to strengthen the scheme. The State Governments have been impressed upon to provide adequate budget provision for supplementary nutrition. The nutrition component of Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana, has also been included to increase nutritional coverage of supplementary feeding.

(iv) The procurement of medicine kits have been decentralized, provision of pre-school kit introduced.

(v) The decentralized training programme for ICDS functionaries named UDISHA has been launched.